

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In Re the Application of:      | ) Group Art Unit: 1656                |
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| METZ et al.                    | ) Examiner: Nashed, Nashaat T         |
|                                | )                                     |
| Serial No.: 10/810,352         | ) Confirmation No.: 8617              |
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| Filed: March 26, 2004          | ) <b><u>REQUEST FOR</u></b>           |
|                                | ) <b><u>EXTENSION OF TIME</u></b>     |
| Atty. File No.: 2997-49        | )                                     |
|                                | ) <b><i>Via Electronic Filing</i></b> |
| For: "PUFA POLYKETIDE SYNTHASE | )                                     |
| SYSTEMS AND USES THEREOF"      | )                                     |

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on August 2, 2006, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from September 2, 2006 to November 2, 2006.

Please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970 in the amount of \$450.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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